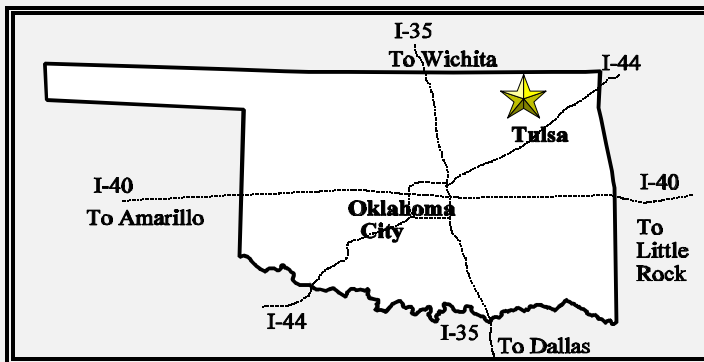


## Osage Tribe of Oklahoma



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**Geographical Boundaries:** Osage County

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**History:** The Osage Indians are one of the five Tribes in the Dhegiha group of the Siouan linguistic family. Archaeologists believe the Siouan people migrated from the West in prehistoric times to the Atlantic Coast of Virginia and the Carolinas. The five Tribes separated and the Osage migrated to the banks of the Ohio River and eventually settled in present-day Missouri hundreds of years ago. European culture first made contact with the Osage in 1673 in their villages along the Osage River. After their first reservation settlement in 1825, the Osage resettled in their present site in 1871 after purchasing the land from the Cherokees. Unable to persuade the Osage Tribe to accept allotment of the more than 1.5 million-acre Osage Reservation, the United States Congress authorized combining the Indian and Oklahoma Territories and admitted the State of Oklahoma into the Union in 1907, on the condition that the Osage Reservation constitute an entire county. Congress enacted legislation in 1906 mandating allotment of the surface of the Osage Reservation, but allowing the Osage to retain undivided ownership of the reservation.

**Integrated Solid Waste Management:** EPA will be working with the Osage Tribe and BIA to identify and close any dumps and to ensure that alternative solid waste disposal systems are in place.